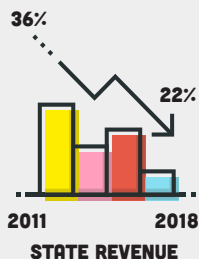




RISD TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION

RISD Trustees have called a 13-cent tax ratification election (TRE) for November 6, 2018 to request that voters approve raising the operating tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.17.

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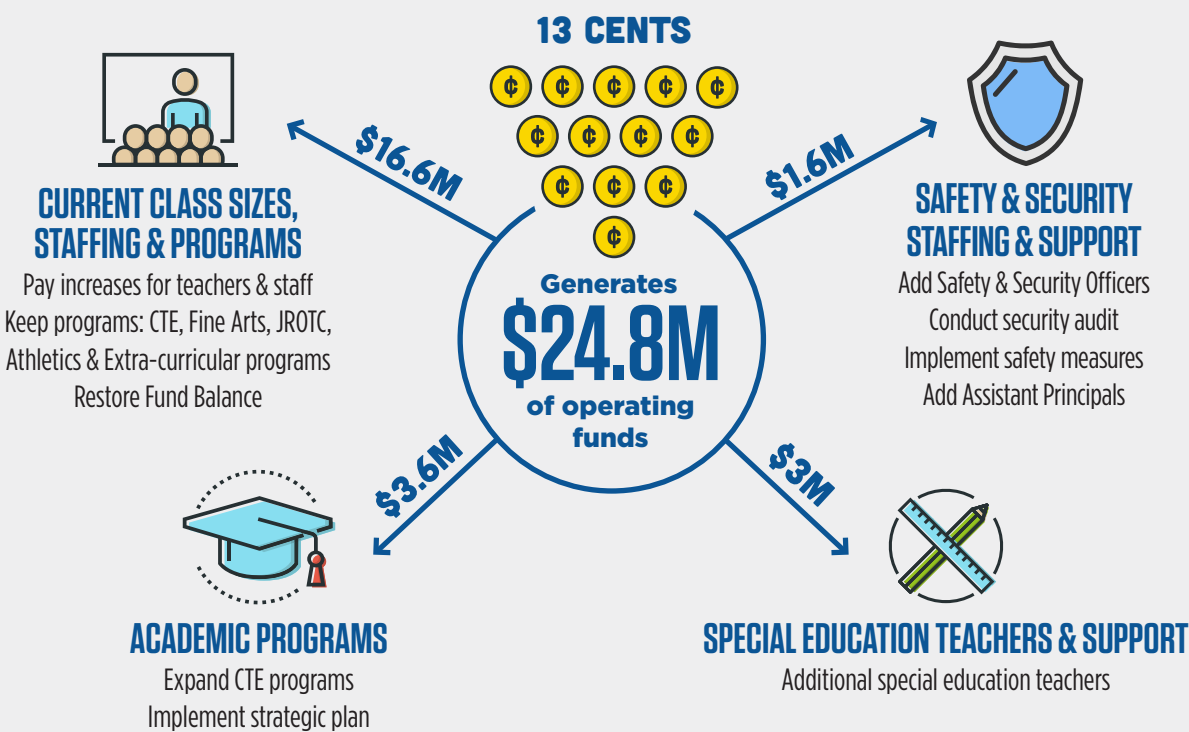
STATE FUNDING

Based on the state's current funding formula for public schools, as RISD collects more money from local taxpayers, state funding for operations decreases. State funding for RISD in 2017-18 was **\$16.1 million less than in 2014**, and is projected to **decrease by another \$41.8 million** over the next five years.

\$54.1M

Projected RISD deficit over the next five years

WHAT COULD RISD DO WITH THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS?



Taxpayer Impact

\$288,794
average home value
(before homestead exemptions)

\$305
a year

\$25.45
a month

Over 65 Impact

\$0
ZERO DOLLAR
impact for age 65 & older

Area Elections

66% of DISTRICTS
in Dallas & Collin counties
have approved TREs



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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION (TRE)?

Tax Rate Increase

RISD is asking voters to increase its operating tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.17. RISD’s current rate of \$1.04 has remain unchanged for 11 years. During the past decade, 25 of the 38 school districts in Dallas and Collin Counties have passed TREs.

Community Recommendations - Strategic Plan

More than 300 community members, teachers, parents, students and staff produced a Strategic Plan to guide RISD into the next decade. The Strategic Plan finance team recommended that the board pursue a tax ratification election to generate increased operating funding.

Budgeting

For the 2017-18 school year, RISD used one-time reserve funds to adopt a \$6.3-million deficit budget to meet operating expenses. Under that budget, teachers and staff received a three-percent pay raise, and utility, insurance and other operating costs were funded. Ninety percent of RISD’s operating budget is comprised of salaries. The budget adopted for the 2018-19 school year makes a staff raise contingent upon passage of the TRE. A 2.5-percent pay raise for the current 2018-19 school year will cost \$6.6 million.

WHERE DOES THE DOLLAR GO?



- **Payroll – 90 cents**
General Administration 2.2%
- **All Other Costs – 5 cents**
Appraisal district, insurance, elections, supplies, software licenses, etc.
- **Utilities – 3 cents**
- **Transportation & Fuel – 2 cents**

WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES ON RISD OPERATING REVENUE?

As RISD collects more money from local taxpayers due to increased property values, **state operating funding for RISD decreases.** State funding for RISD in 2017-18 was \$16.1 million less than in 2014, and is projected to decrease by another \$41.8 million over the next five years.

DIDN'T RISD JUST HAVE A TAX ELECTION?

Yes, in 2016, RISD voters approved a bond proposal that increased the debt service tax rate five cents, to \$0.35, to pay for construction and the other capital expenditures associated with enrollment growth. A school district’s tax rate is divided into two parts—the operating tax rate and the debt service tax rate. By law, debt service funds cannot be used for operating expenses like teacher salaries.

The purpose of the bond election is to pay for school buildings, technology and other capital expenses.

WHAT IF THE TRE FAILS?

If the TRE fails, the current operating tax rate of \$1.04 will continue, and the Board must examine all areas of operations and reduce the current operating budget.

VOTING INFORMATION

Early Voting is from October 22 – November 2:

- October 22-27: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- October 28: 1 p.m.-6 p.m.
- October 29 - November 2: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

RISD residents can vote at any early voting location in Dallas County during the early voting dates. Visit www.dallascountyvotes.org for more information.

Election day is November 6.